



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1646**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02481.1671-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Franz-Josef RUBRÖDER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1646  
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Application No.: 09/991,964 ) Examiner: Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D.  
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Filed: November 26, 2001 )  
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For: PROCESS FOR THE ) **ATTN: MAIL STOP AF**  
STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS )  
IN COMPLEX MIXTURES )  
DURING THEIR STORAGE IN )  
AQUEOUS SOLVENTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, Applicants present the amendments on the following pages to bring this application into condition for allowance.

The period for response is extended to November 12, 2003, by a request for a one month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. (Tuesday, November 11, 2003, is the Veterans' Day holiday.)

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section.

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